REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	08 June 1998
Name of applicant/court:	The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Video Wholesalers Ltd
Title of Publication:	Rocco More Than Ever
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Rocco Siffredi
Producer:	Rocco Siffredi
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Rocco More Than Ever	Running time:	102.09
Trailers:	Safe Sex Notice	Running time:	1.04
	Video Wholesalers Notice		1.00
	Copyright Warning Notice		0.11
	Vortex		1.50
	Beautiful		2.02
	The Voyeur #10 Live in Europe Part #3		1.51
	Debbie Does Dallas The Next Generation		2.02
	Bikini Beach #5 "Caca Del Torro"		1.50
	Ancient Amateurs Volume #1		1.54
		Total Running time:	115.53

Excision/Alteration: No.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

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Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Rocco More Than Ever* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The video recording repeatedly depicts sexual and physical conduct of a strongly degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning nature, and degrades, dehumanises, and demeans participants to a strong extent and degree.

The video recording contains a feature comprising seven main scenes of explicit sexual activity between men and women, and women only. The sexual activity is linked by a very limited storyline about two Italian men visiting London.

A strong degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning tone runs throughout the entire feature. This tone arises from a range of presentations that occur within the context of scenes of sexual activity. There is a repeated focus on women's gaping anuses and vaginas. This has the effect of presenting women as gaping holes on display for the sexual enjoyment of the viewer. On two occasions the transfer of a man's finger from a woman's anus to her mouth is unduly relished. Throughout an entire scene a black man is treated in a manner that is particularly contemptuous. The man is ordered around, physically handled in a rough manner, spat on, and pushed to the ground before being made to crawl around wearing a saddle with a woman on his back. In another scene a female crawls around amongst pigs, and engages in sexual activity in a pig pen covered in animal excrement. Her male sexual partner repeatedly looks at her in an aggressive manner and appears to direct derogatory comments towards her, although there is an absence of accompanying sound. In the final scene a group of females demean themselves to a high degree by engaging in a frenzied spectacle in which they end up covered in food such as raw eggs.

Excisions have been considered but are thought to be impractical due to the extent to which the publication presents sexual and physical conduct of a degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning nature, and degrades, dehumanises, and demeans participants.

In view of the extent and degree to which, and the manner in which, the video recording focuses on the sexual activity discussed above, the Classification Office finds that the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good.

It has been determined that s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (the NZBR Act) applies to this publication. However, by virtue of the way in which the publication deals with matters of sex, this publication is regarded as objectionable. The Classification Office considers this a reasonable limit, as outlined in s5 of the NZBR Act.

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